

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following new paragraph:

--Fig. 7 of the accompanying drawings is similar to Fig. 2, but it shows the use of additional rolls 74 acting only on the twelve outer wires 24B''. The purpose of these rolls is to provide these wires with a non-circular shape to better fit within the outer layer of the cable. In fact, the rolls 74 can be positioned at any suitable point before the wires being shaped are assembled into a layer of the cable. Moreover, they may act on different wires or wire groups (e.g. the wires of the first layer of the cable), as required. This embodiment also shows an alternative way of applying rolling force in different directions on the wires in the two reduction rolling steps, without rotating the wires themselves. In this embodiment, the guide roller 40 has grooves that guide the wires without twisting them through 90°. The rolls 28, 30 are oriented with their axes arranged vertically as shown, whereas the rolls 42, 44 retain their horizontal alignment. The wires 24A emerging from the rolls 28, 30 are all in a ~~horizontal~~ vertical plane, but they rotate as a set to a ~~vertical~~ horizontal plane to pass between rolls 42, 44. Note that the set of wires rotate, but individual wires do not, so the angle at which the rolling force is applied to an individual wire changes by 90° because of the relative rotation of the rolls 28, 30 and 42, 44. The proper alignment of the wires 24A for entry between the rolls 42, 44 is assisted by additional guide rollers 39 and the grooved roller 40. --